tently requesting for reimposition of controls over the movement and price of molasses and alcohol. They have represented that such controls are required to ensure adequate availability of molasses and alcohol at controlled prices.

This is one of the issues that came up for discussion in a Conference of State Excise Ministers held on 4-11-1993. A Group of State Excise Ministers under the chairmanship of the Karnataka Chief Minister is now looking into this issue among others.

Demand of Foreign Airlines for more Destinations

*456. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the foreign airlines are pressing the Government of India to give more destinations, more frequencies, entry points, without offering similar concessions to Air India in their own skies;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether a reciprocal demand was made by Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the foreign airlines thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Requests are received from various Governments from time to time for enhancing the capacity entitlements and grant of more destinations in India for their designated carriers. The traffic rights to foreign airlines are, however, granted after negotiation with the respective Governments on the basis of reciprocity of benefits to the two sides.

Acquisition of land in Mhow for military exercises

*457. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the land of villages in Mhow Tehsil of Madhya Pradesh is being acquired for military exercises;

(b) if so, what is the area of fertile and barren land which is being acquired;

(c) whether farmers will be provided alternative fertile land for their rehabilitation;

(d) whether barren land could not be located for such military exercises; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to acquire land in Jabalpur also for such exercises ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Lands have already been acquired.

(b) The details of cultivable and Parta land acquired are as under :—

Irrigated/ unirrigated	Parta/ grass bir	Total
4155.93 acres	7988.10 acres	12144.03 acres

(c) Government have paid monetary compensation as per provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 as well as rehabilitation grants. The present policy does not provide for provision of alternative land.

(d) These ranges have been used as such for several decades. About 65% of the total area has no. been under cultivation.

(e) No, Sir.

Duty Rationalisation in Respect of Medicines

*458. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 442 and 1300 given in Rajya Sabha on the 24th February and 3rd March, 1994 respectively and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines have shot up as revealed by Wholesale price index and more foreign exchange is going out on account of increase in CIF prices to match customs duty reduction;

(b) what were the imports and their CIF prices in respect of 50 top drugs and